

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Natural Resources Commission
Regular Meeting
October 22, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Commissioner, John Keshick III.

Roll call:

Commission: Commissioner, John Keshick III; Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III; Secretary, William McNamara and Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon.

NRD Staff: NRD Director, Doug Craven; Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis; Great Lakes Biologist, Stephen Lenart, and Administrative Assistant, Debra S. Browne.

NRD Staff Absent: Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima; Inland Fisheries Biologist, Bill Parsons, is excused from the meeting.

Public Comment: Opened at 6:06 p.m.

Public Comment: Closed at 6:08 p.m.

NRC reviewed the Agenda.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson, Treasurer to adopt the agenda as amended, Phil Harmon, Associate Commissioner, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

NRC reviewed the minutes of October 8, 2008

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson, Treasurer, to approve the Minutes of October 8, 2008 as amended and the Phone Poll dated 10-09-08, Phil Harmon, Associate Commissioner, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Director's Report – Doug Craven, NRD Director

- CORA Meeting and Doug spoke with Beverly Aikens and the licensing system will be discussed at the meeting.
- Elk – amend the Elk Policy at last meeting and allowing the elder to reuse the permit from the earlier season in any unit.
- Bear Tags – offered SSM for availability and notified them with no response from SSM on the tags.
- Hatchery – pump test was conducted for 24 hours; Steve and Randy manned the pump and recorded the progress of such every 20 minutes. Pumping 250 gallons a minute for 30 days and the water is discharging into a 3 acre area into and filling a ditch and the water is approaching the road.

- Berg Property – some use now from Tribal Members – deer hunting and bird hunting has taken place on the property. Not too many sightings of deer have been recorded on the sign in sheets.
- Bells Dock – on schedule and they requested their first payment so everything is good.
- Boat Awning – bids were due on Friday, October 17, 2008 – 3 bids were received with a range of \$ 27,000 high bid – \$ 18,000 as a low bid on the project.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Associate Commissioner, to approve the Natural Resource Department Director's Verbal Report as presented by Doug Craven, Daugherty Johnson, Treasurer, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Conservation Report – Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer

- Group patrol Escanaba – too windy and headed back to shore after 5 hours.
- Petersen fishery – Joel & Ben Petersen SSM tribal member is having the locale MDNR on the problem of a non-tribal person working on the boat, he has no tribal helpers, can't keep tribal members working and will continue to use non-tribal persons. Also, takes out non-tribal fishers to show them that he is not taking all of the salmon out of the lake in his nets.
- Paul Barbou – has a permit in our area in Big Bay De Noc, but did not make contact with him during the Group Patrol.
- Last week meeting with LT. Mike Keiser of the Emmet County Sheriff department.
- Berg Property – conservation officers are encouraging the use of the sign in sheets when entering and exiting the property. The problems have been tribal members not signing in and not wearing hunter orange if using a firearm. LTBB Rules and Regulations must be adhered to while hunting the Leased Berg Property.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Associate Commissioner, to approve the Natural Resource Department Conservation Officer's Verbal Report as presented by Kevin Willis, Daugherty Johnson, Treasurer, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Great Lakes Biologist Report – Stephen Lenart, Great Lakes Fisheries Biologist

- Hatchery was covered by Doug in the Director's report
- 1st lift today for the Fall Lake Trout spawning assessments, and will continue for the next couple of weeks.
- Last field work of the year will be lifting the egg nets by diving
- Lake Whitefish model-derived limits and recent harvest, shared whitefish unit tables and recent harvest, and recommended HRGs were handed out for review and discussion by Steve Lenart.
- Small Boat Work Skiff – waiting for a final quote from Kim Thorman for the Honda prices – Kennebec Marine has been contacted and priced the lifter options and mounting prices.

Motion made by Phil Harmon, Associate Commissioner, to approve the Natural Resource Department Great Lakes Biologist written and verbal Report as presented by Stephan Lenart, Daugherty Johnson, Treasurer, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Inland Biologist Report – Doug Craven

- The Inland Biologist are on Beaver Island now, problems with travel from accounting got that problem taken care of and then had problems getting over on the ferry. Electro-shocking Lake Genezerth on the Island.

Motion made by Daugherty Johnson, Treasurer, to approve the Natural Resource Department Great Lakes Biologist verbal Report as presented by Doug Craven, Phil Harmon, Associate Commissioner, Treasurer, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Break 6:58 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

3rd Quarterly Report for July, August and September 2008 – submitted on Friday, October 17, 2008.

Executive Directive #10-10062008-01 to Direct Cost Saving Measures for Executive Departments, Commissions and Boards was reviewed and discussed.

Motion made by, William McNamara, Secretary to approve travel, per diem and stipend for Natural Resource Commissioners to attend the CORA Meeting hosted by LTBB at the LTBB Community Center at the Housing Development on November 13, 2008; Daugherty Johnson III, Treasurer supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by, Daugherty Johnson III, Treasurer to cancel the second Natural Resource Commission meeting in December 2008; Phil Harmon, Associate Commissioner, supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Conservation Resource Alliance Grant – Susan Creek Conservancy property, Tiami Hoag property and the Berg property needs the covert replaced it has collapsed not allowing the fish to continue upstream. Applying for the Conservation Resource Alliance Grant for this repair is something that needs to be looked into and applied for by the Natural Resource Department.

Discussion was held on the Inland Consent Decree Rules and Regulations and revisions for the upcoming 2009 season. The Inland Consent Decree will be reviewed for the time table of notifying the State with any regulation changes that will be implemented in the future.

Amendment to Commercial Fishing Regulations – not more than one 300 ft. net allowed per person on the boat – and to allow non-tribal fishers on the subsistence fishing vessel. These items will be on the next CORA meeting agenda scheduled for November 13, 2008 in Harbor Springs, MI.

Chief Conservation Officer Kevin Willis received a phone call from Dan Berg in Charlevoix on Monday, October 20, 2008 regarding dumping corn that was getting moldy and how should he dispose of the corn not to violate the no baiting order.

7:46 p.m. Stephen Lenart departs meeting.

Discussion was held on the Emergency Order – Amendment to Inland Consent Decree Rules and Regulations was reviewed to determine if liquids are covered in the Order and also banned as baiting.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:43 p.m.

Public Comment: Closed at 7:58 p.m.

Motion made by, Daugherty Johnson III, Treasurer, to adjourn the Natural Resource Commission meeting at 7:59 p.m. Phil Harmon, Associate Commissioner; supports.

4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

Next scheduled meeting will be held on November 12, 2008.

Approved:

William McNamara, Secretary

Date